

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

RETURN

OF

PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

"THE LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACTS, 1881 AND 1887;" "THE
LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885-1886;" AND "THE
PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1885,"

DURING THE MONTHS OF

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IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1888.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881 and 1887," up to the 30th day of November, 1888; also of Proceedings up to same date, under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1885-1886," and under "The Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1885."

COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

I.—FAIR RENT.

(a) *In Court.*

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st October, 1888, . . .	163,063		Rents Fixed—		
Applications received in month of November, 1888, . . .	886		By Chief Commission to 31st October, 1888, . . .	1,387	
			" in month of Nov., 1888, . . .	84	1,471
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st October, 1888, . . .	7,058	163,458	By Sub-Commissions to 31st October, 1888, . . .	98,488	
Do. in month of November, 1888, . . .	32		" in month of Nov., 1888, . . .	1,856	100,044
		7,090	Dismissed and struck out—		
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st October, 1888, . . .	23,654		By Chief Commission to 31st October, 1888, . . .	1,487	
Applications received in month of November, 1888, . . .	149		" in month of Nov., 1888, . . .	1	1,488
		23,763	By Sub-Commissions to 31st October, 1888, . . .	24,030	
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st Oct., 1888, . . .	677		" in month of Nov., 1888, . . .	282	24,312
Do. in month of November, 1888, . . .	20		Withdrawn*—		
		687	By Chief Commission to 31st October, 1888, . . .	4,045	
			" in month of Nov., 1888, . . .	25	4,070
			By Sub-Commissions to 31st October, 1888, . . .	7,069	
			" in month of Nov., 1888, . . .	52	7,121
Total, . . .	—	168,698	Total disposed of, . . .	—	138,596

(b) *Out of Court.*

Agreements out of Court, in Form 38, fixing Fair Rent to 31st October, 1888, . . .	91,534
Do. do. in month of November, 1888, . . .	745
Total, . . .	92,279

* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.):			Number disposed of to 31st October, 1888,	1,280
Applications received to 31st October, 1888,	950		“ in month of Nov., 1888,	53
Applications received in month of November, 1888,	8	958		
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st October, 1888,	26			
Do. in month of Nov., 1888,	—	28		
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 81) received to 31st October, 1888,	440			
Applications in month of Nov., 1888,	67	507		
Total,	—	1,491	Total disposed of,	1,333

† The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTOR TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID (“LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,”—SEC. 2.)—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,*	55	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st October, 1888,	18	
		“ in month of Nov., 1888,	—	18
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st October, 1888,	1	
		“ in month of Nov., 1888,	—	1
		Applications withdrawn or compro- mised to 31st October, 1888,	—	
		“ in month of Nov., 1888,	—	
Total,	55	Total disposed of,	—	19

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF “LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887.”—FORM 83.

Number of Applications received to 31st October, 1888,	6	Applications granted to 31st October, 1888,	—	
“ in month of Novem- ber, 1888,	—	“ in month of Nov., 1888,	—	
“ Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st Oct., 1888,	2	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st October, 1888,	—	
“ in month of Novem- ber, 1888,	—	“ in month of Nov., 1888,	—	
		Applications withdrawn to 31st October, 1888,	—	
		“ in month of Nov., 1888,	—	
Total,	—	8	Total disposed of,	—

V.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885—1886.

Applications received to 31st Oct., 1886,	2,822	Rents fixed to 31st October, 1886,	1,391	
" " in November, 1886,	103	" " in November, 1886,	—	1,391
		Applications dismissed, struck out, and withdrawn to 31st Oct., 1886,	186	
		" " in November, 1886,	—	186
Total,	2,925	Total disposed of,	—	1,567

VI.—APPEALS *re* FAIR RENT, &c.

Number of Appeals lodged to 31st October, 1886,	28,499	Number heard to 31st Oct., 1886,	10,175	
" " in month of Nov., 1886,	462	" " in month of Nov., 1886,	* 152	10,307
		Number dismissed or struck out to 31st Oct., 1886,	† 1,064	
		" " in month of Nov., 1886,	—	
			1,064	
		Deduct cases reinstated to 30th November, 1886,	234	820
		Number withdrawn to 31st October, 1886,	11,550	
		" " in month of Nov., 1886,	78	11,628
		Total Number disposed of,	—	22,755
		Remaining to be disposed of,	—	6,205
Total,	28,961	Total,	—	28,961

* The Full number of Appeals decided by Courts in November, 24.

† In 825 cases the Notices were struck out because maps were not lodged as required by Rule 74, and in 451 cases because the Notices were not duly stamped. Of the former 24 cases, and of the latter 175 cases, were reinstated.

VII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1885.

	Number.	Amount.
Loans applied for to 31st October, 1886,	14,338	£ 5,980,001
" " in month of November, 1886,	154	78,869
	14,492	6,058,870
Loans sanctioned to 31st October, 1886,	11,857	4,915,648
" " in month of November, 1886,	59	32,411
	11,916	4,948,059
Loans issued to 31st October, 1886,	8,632	3,582,355
" " in month of November, 1886,	48	34,238
	8,680	3,616,593

CIVIL BILL COURTS.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1888.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881 and 1887," as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 30th day of November, 1888.

I.—FAIR RENT.

(a.) In Court.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st October, 1888.	30,506		Rents fixed to 31st October, 1888.	5,095	
Applications received in month of November, 1888.	150		" in month of Nov., 1888.	160	0,855
		30,656	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st October, 1888.	2,143	
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to 31st October, 1888.	1,790		" in month of Nov., 1888.	35	2,178
Applications received in month of November, 1888.	76		Applications withdrawn* to 31st October, 1888.	244	
		1,866	" in month of Nov., 1888.	2	946
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an ejectment is pending, to 31st October, 1888.	864		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Oct., 1888.	7,755	
Applications received in month of November, 1888.	5		" in month of Nov., 1888.	52	7,787
		869			
Total.	—	23,300	Total disposed of.	—	20,006

(b.) Out of Court.

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 33, fixing Fair Rent to 31st October, 1888.		6,646
Do., do., in month of November, 1888.		1
Total.		6,647

* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the assent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Redemption of Holdings, &c.):			Number disposed of to 31st October, 1888.	110	
Applications received to 31st October, 1888.	343		" in month of Nov., 1888.	1	120
Applications received in month of November, 1888.	3		Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st October, 1888.	26	
			Transferred in month of Nov., 1888.	—	26
Total.	—	346	Total disposed of.	—	146

† The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of lease, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE
1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2)—
FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 31st February, 1888,*	6	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st Oct., 1888,	—	
		" in month of Nov., 1888,	—	
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Oct., 1888,	3	
		" in month of Nov., 1888,	—	3
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st October, 1888,	—	
		" in month of Nov., 1888,	—	
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court, to 31st October, 1888,	—	
		" in month of Nov., 1888,	—	
Total,	6	Total disposed of,	—	3

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 31st February, 1888.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING
UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887"—FORM 83.

Number of Applications received to 31st October, 1888,	12	Applications granted to 31st Oct., 1888,	—	
" in month of Nov., 1888,	—	" in month of Nov., 1888,	—	
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Oct., 1888,	—	
		" in month of Nov., 1888,	—	
		Applications withdrawn to 31st Oct., 1888,	—	
		" in month of Nov., 1888,	—	
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Oct., 1888,	2	
		" in month of Nov., 1888,	—	2
Total,	12	Total disposed of,	—	2

Irish Land Commission, }
8th December, 1888.

J. H. FRANKS.

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1888.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881 and 1887," up to the 31st day of December, 1888; also of Proceedings up to same date, under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1885-1886," and under "The Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1885."

COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

I.—FAIR RENT.

(a.) *In Court.*

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 30th November, 1888, . . .	163,458		Rents Fixed— By Chief Commission to 30th November, 1888, . . .	1,471	
Applications received in month of December, 1888, . . .	200		" in month of Dec., 1888, . . .	139	1,610
		163,658	By Sub-Commissions to 30th November, 1888, . . .	100,044	
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 30th Nov., 1888, . . .	7,020		" in month of Dec., 1888, . . .	2,188	102,232
Do. in month of Dec., 1888, . . .	11		Dismissed and struck out— By Chief Commission to 30th November, 1888, . . .	1,488	
		7,101	" in month of Dec., 1888, . . .	—	1,488
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 30th Nov., 1888, . . .	23,783		By Sub-Commissions to 30th November, 1888, . . .	24,312	
Applications received in month of December, 1888, . . .	92		" in month of Dec., 1888, . . .	234	24,546
		23,875	Withdrawn*— By Chief Commission to 30th November, 1888, . . .	4,070	
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 30th November, 1888, . . .	607		" in month of Dec., 1888, . . .	—	4,070
Do. in month of Dec., 1888, . . .	8		By Sub-Commissions to 30th November, 1888, . . .	7,121	
		705	" in month of Dec., 1888, . . .	19	7,140
Total, . . .	—	195,339	Total disposed of, . . .	—	141,044

(b.) *Out of Court.*

Agreements out of Court, in Form 33, fixing Fair Rent to 30th November, 1888, . . .	22,003
Do. do. in month of December, 1888, . . .	503
Total, . . .	22,506

* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.[†]

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.): Applications received to 30th November, 1888,	258	963	Number disposed of to 30th November, 1888,	1,253
Applications received in month of December, 1888,	7		" in month of December, 1888,	63
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 30th November, 1888, Do. in month of Dec., 1888,	25	25		
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 81) received to 30th November, 1888,	507			
Applications in month of Dec., 1888,	19	526		
Total,	—	1,517	Total disposed of,	1,516

[†] The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTOR TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2.)—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,*	55	Leases or Grants declared void to 30th Nov., 1888,	18	18
		" in month of Dec., 1888,	—	
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 30th Nov., 1888,	1	1
		" in month of Dec., 1888,	—	
		Applications withdrawn or compro- mised to 30th Nov., 1888,	—	—
		" in month of Dec., 1888,	—	
Total,	55	Total disposed of,	—	19

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 83.

Number of Applications received to 30th Nov., 1888,	0	6	Applications granted to 30th Nov., 1888,	—	—
" in month of Dec., 1888,	—		" in month of December, 1888,	—	
" Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 30th November, 1888,	3	2	Applications dismissed or struck out to 30th Nov., 1888,	—	—
" in month of December, 1888,	—		" in month of December, 1888,	—	
			Applications withdrawn to 30th November, 1888,	—	—
			" in month of December, 1888,	—	
Total,	—	8	Total disposed of,	—	—

V.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885-1886.

Applications received to 30th Nov., 1888,	2,725	Rents fixed to 30th Nov., 1888, .	1,391	1,391
“ in December, 1888, .	—	“ in December, 1888, .	—	
		Applications dismissed, struck out, and withdrawn to 30th Nov., 1888, .	166	
		“ in December, 1888, .	—	166
Total,	2,725	Total disposed of	—	1,557

VI.—APPEALS TO FAIR RENT, &c.

Number of Appeals lodged to 30th November, 1888,	28,361	Number heard to 30th Nov., 1888, .	10,307	10,389
“ in month of December, 1888, .	379	“ in month of Dec., 1888, .	* 82	
		Number dismissed or struck out to 30th Nov., 1888, .	‡ 1,054	
		“ in month of Dec., 1888, .	—	
		Deduct cases reinstated to 30th November, 1888, .	1,064	815
			285	
		Number withdrawn to 30th Nov., 1888,	11,028	
		“ in month of Dec., 1888, .	50	11,078
		Total Number disposed of,	—	22,862
		Remaining to be disposed of,	—	6,478
Total,	29,340	Total,	—	29,340

* The full number of Appeals decided by Court in December, 78.

‡ In 432 cases the actions were struck out because wages were not lodged, as required by Rule 16, and in 431 cases because the notices were not duly stamped. Of the former 81 cases, and of the latter 162 cases, were reinstated.

VII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1885.

	Number.	Amount.
Loans applied for to 30th November, 1888,	14,492	£ 6,065,619
“ in December, 1888,	249	121,775
	14,741	6,186,785
Loans sanctioned to 30th November, 1888,	11,916	4,946,059
“ in December, 1888,	41	28,372
	11,957	4,972,431
Loans issued to 30th November, 1888,	8,680	3,616,593
“ in December, 1888,	183	112,590
	8,863	3,728,883

CIVIL BILL COURTS.

MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1888.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881 and 1887," as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 31st day of December, 1888.

I.—FAIR RENT.

(a.) In Court.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 30th November, 1888, . . .	20,655		Rents fixed to 30th Nov., 1888, in month of Dec., 1888, . . .	9,855	
Applications received in month of December, 1888, . . .	199			77	9,932
		20,854	Applications dismissed or struck out to 30th Nov., 1888, . . .	2,178	
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to 30th November, 1888, . . .	1,866		" in month of Dec., 1888, . . .	5	2,183
Applications received in month of December, 1888, . . .	66		Applications withdrawn* to 30th November, 1888, . . .	246	
		1,932	" in month of Dec., 1888, . . .	—	246
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an ejectment is pending, to 30th Nov., 1888, . . .	869		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 30th Nov., 1888, . . .	7,787	
Applications received in month of December, 1888, . . .	19		" in month of Dec., 1888, . . .	19	7,806
		888			
Total, . . .	—	23,894	Total disposed of, . . .	—	20,167

(b.) Out of Court.

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 33, fixing Fair Rent to 30th November, 1888, . . .	6,647
Do, do, in month of December, 1888, . . .	19
Total, . . .	6,866

* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.): Applications received to 30th November, 1888, . . .	346		Number disposed of to 30th November, 1888, . . .	120	
Applications received in month of December, 1888, . . .	8		" in month of Dec., 1888, . . .	1	121
		349	Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 30th Nov., 1888, . . .	26	
			Transferred in month of Dec., 1888, . . .	—	26
Total, . . .	—	349	Total disposed of, . . .	—	147

† The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of lease or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTER TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1889, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2).—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 30th February, 1888,*	6	Leases or Grants declared void to 30th Nov., 1888, . . .	—	
		" in month of Dec., 1888, . . .	—	
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 30th Nov., 1888, . . .	3	
		" in month of Dec., 1888, . . .	—	
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 30th Nov., 1888, . . .	—	3
		" in month of Nov., 1888, . . .	—	
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 30th Nov., 1888, . . .	—	
		" in month of Dec., 1888, . . .	—	
Total, . . .	6	Total disposed of, . . .	—	3

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 30th February, 1888.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 83.

Number of Applications received to 30th Nov., 1888, . . .	13	Applications granted to 30th Nov., 1888, . . .	—	
" in month of Dec., 1888, . . .	—	" in month of Dec., 1888, . . .	—	
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 30th Nov., 1888, . . .	—	
		" in month of Dec., 1888, . . .	—	
		Applications withdrawn to 30th Nov., 1888, . . .	—	
		" in month of Dec., 1888, . . .	—	
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 30th Nov., 1888, . . .	2	
		" in month of Dec., 1888, . . .	—	
Total, . . .	13	Total disposed of, . . .	—	2

Irish Land Commission, }
10th January, 1889. }

J. H. FRANKS.

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

MONTH OF JANUARY, 1889.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881 and 1887," up to the 31st day of January, 1889; also of Proceedings up to same date, under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1885-1886," and under "The Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1885."

COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

I.—FAIR RENT.

(a) *In Court.*

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st December, 1888.	163,658		Rents Fixed—		
Applications received in month of January, 1889,	302		By Chief Commission to 31st Dec., 1888,	1,803	
		183,960	" in month of Jan., 1889,	39	1,842
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st December, 1888.	7,101		By Sub-Commissions to 31st Dec., 1888,	102,227	
Do. in month of January, 1889,	77		" in month of Jan., 1889,	168	102,395
		7,178	Dismissed and struck out—		
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st December, 1888.	23,875		By Chief Commission to 31st Dec., 1888,	1,486	
Applications received in month of January, 1889,	150		" in month of Jan., 1889,	1	1,489
		24,025	By Sub-Commissions to 31st Dec., 1888,	24,538	
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st Dec., 1888.	705		" in month of Jan., 1889,	159	24,695
Do. in month of January, 1889,	35		Withdrawn*—		
		740	By Chief Commission to 31st Dec., 1888,	4,070	
			" in month of Jan., 1889,	30	4,100
			By Sub-Commissions to 31st Dec., 1888,	7,140	
			" in month of Jan., 1889,	29	7,169
Total,	—	195,983	Total disposed of,	—	141,510

(b) *Out of Court.*

Agreements out of Court, in Form 53, fixing Fair Rent to 31st December, 1888,	92,631
Do, do. in month of January, 1889,	987
Total,	93,598

* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.):			Number disposed of to 31st Dec., 1888, .	1,516
Applications received to 31st December, 1888,	965		" in month of Jan., 1889, .	40
Applications received in month of January, 1889, .	13	978		
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st Dec., 1888, .	26			
Do. in month of Jan., 1889,	—	26		
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 61) received to 31st December, 1888, .	526			
Applications in month of Jan., 1889,	23	548		
Total,	—	1,552	Total disposed of,	1,556

† The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTOR TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2.)—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,*	55	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st December, 1888,	18	
		" in month of Jan., 1889, .	—	18
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1888,	1	
		" in month of Jan., 1889, .	—	1
		Applications withdrawn or compro- mised to 31st Dec., 1888,	—	
		" in month of Jan., 1889, .	—	—
Total,	55	Total disposed of,	—	19

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 82.

Number of Applications received to 31st December, 1888,	6	Applications granted to 31st December, 1888,	—	
" in month of January, 1889,	—	" in month of Jan., 1889, .	—	—
" Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st Dec., 1888,	2	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1888,	—	
" in month of January, 1889,	—	" in month of Jan., 1889, .	—	—
		Applications withdrawn to 31st December, 1888,	—	
		" in month of Jan., 1889, .	—	—
Total,	—	Total disposed of,	—	—

V.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LANDWORKERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885-1886.

Applications received to 31st Dec., 1888,	2,725	Rents fixed to 31st Dec., 1888,	1,391	
" in January, 1889,	—	" in January, 1889,	—	1,391
		Applications dismissed, struck out, and withdrawn to 31st Dec., 1888,	166	
		" in January, 1889,	—	166
Total,	2,725	Total disposed of	—	1,557

VI.—APPEALS TO FAIR RENT, &c.

Number of Appeals lodged to 31st December, 1888,	29,940	Number heard to 31st Dec., 1888,	10,388	
" in month of January, 1889,	636	" in month of Jan., 1889,	* 1	10,389
		Number dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1888,	† 1,054	
		" in month of Jan., 1889,	—	
		Deduct cases reinstated to 31st January, 1889,	1,054	
			230	815
		Number withdrawn to 31st Dec., 1888,	11,658	
		" in month of Jan., 1889,	79	11,733
		Total Number disposed of,	—	22,938
		Remaining to be disposed of,	—	7,036
Total,	29,976	Total,		29,976

* The full number of Appeals decided by Court in January, 89.

† In 633 cases the notices were struck out because maps were not lodged, as required by Rule 74, and in 431 cases because the notices were not duly stamped. Of the former 27 cases, and of the latter 192 cases, were reinstated.

VII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1885.

	Number.	Amount.
Loans applied for to 31st December, 1888,	14,741	£ 6,186,785
" in January, 1889,	364	155,572
	15,105	6,342,357
Loans sanctioned to 31st December, 1888,	11,967	4,972,431
" in January, 1889,	312	151,113
	12,279	5,123,544
Loans issued to 31st December, 1888,	8,883	3,723,883
" in January, 1889,	120	62,162
	9,003	3,786,045

CIVIL BILL COURTS.

MONTH OF JANUARY, 1889.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881 and 1887," as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 31st day of January, 1889.

I. FAIR RENT.

(a) *In Court.*

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st December, 1888, . . .	30,854		Rents fixed to 31st Dec., 1888, in month of Jan., 1889, . . .	2,932	
Applications received in month of January, 1889, . . .	184			54	
		21,038	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1888, . . .	2,183	9,986
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to 31st December, 1888, . . .	1,952		" in month of January, 1889, . . .	15	
Applications received in month of January, 1889, . . .	100		Applications withdrawn* to 31st Dec., 1888, . . .	245	2,199
		2,052	" in month of January, 1889, . . .	2	
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an ejectment is pending, to 31st Dec., 1888, . . .	888		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Dec., 1888, . . .	7,906	248
Applications received in month of January, 1889, . . .	97		" in month of January, 1889, . . .	112	
		985			7,918
Total, . . .	—	24,081	Total disposed of, . . .	—	20,351

(b) *Out of Court.*

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 33, fixing Fair Rent to 31st December, 1888, . . .	6,666
do. do. in month of January, 1889, . . .	4
Total, . . .	6,670

* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.):			Number disposed of to 31st December, 1888, . . .	121	
Applications received to 31st December, 1888, . . .	849		" in month of Jan., 1889, . . .	1	
Applications received in month of January, 1889, . . .	2		Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Dec., 1888, . . .	25	122
		351	Transferred in month of January, 1889, . . .	—	
					26
Total, . . .	—	351	Total disposed of, . . .	—	148

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Number of Applications received to 31st February, 1889,*	6	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st Dec., 1888,	—	—
		" in month of Jan., 1889,	—	—
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1888,	3	—
		" in month of Jan., 1889,	—	3
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st Dec., 1888,	—	—
		" in month of Jan., 1889,	—	—
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Dec., 1888,	—	—
		" in month of Jan., 1889,	—	—
Total,	6	Total disposed of,	—	3

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 31st February, 1889.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 83.

Number of Applications received to 31st Dec., 1888,	12	Applications granted to 31st Dec., 1888,	—	—
" in month of Jan., 1889,	—	" in month of Jan., 1889,	—	—
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1888,	—	—
		" in month of Jan., 1889,	—	—
		Applications withdrawn to 31st Dec., 1888,	—	—
		" in month of Jan., 1889,	—	—
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Dec., 1888,	2	—
		" in month of Jan., 1889,	—	2
Total,	12	Total disposed of,	—	2

Irish Land Commission, }
11th February, 1889. }

J. H. FRANKS.